

Dear MC leaders,

No doubt by this point you have received texts and questions from your MC members asking if we will continue having MCs or church. This is a great question and we wanted to help you lead your community well. God has called you to shepherd your members in a way that leads them to focus on Christ above anything else.

As of this afternoon, Resonate decided to continue meeting on Sunday for the worship of our Savior and the public declaration of the Gospel. We are taking our cue from FUSD and HUSD which has decided to remain open. The Alameda County Department of Public Health has asked school districts to cancel any non-essential gatherings. With that in mind, we believe that public worship and MC meetings are essential for the the people of God. These spaces allow the church to hear the Good News about Jesus and encourage our devotion to God.

We want to help you shepherd your members as they ask questions about the church meeting and attending MC. Here are some helpful thoughts for you to consider:

1. You have the final call on how to meet as an MC. If you feel the members in your group would be best served through a virtual presence, then use that technology. If you think most members would come if you have the meeting as usual, then keep everything the same. The most important thing at this moment is to clearly communicate to your MC and shepherd them well.
2. Let your members know that we understand the concern everyone is feeling. And yet, there are many organizations that remain open. We are keeping our MCs open so that God's people can continue to meet.
3. Please instruct anyone who is sick for any reason to stay home. Also be gentle and accommodating with those who have weaker immune systems or anyone who is part of a demographic that is susceptible to the effects of COVID-19.
4. Let your MC know that things may change quickly. If we get news of infections in our community, we will act quickly to protect the health of our congregation.

The most important thing at this time is for your group to know that you love them and that you want them to be more like Jesus. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

God bless you,

Will Medel